

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 357

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to recognize Carlee McCullough, one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Carlee McCullough, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, Carlee McCullough earned her bachelor's degree from Howard University and was thereafter recruited by a company that took her to Chicago and then Los Angeles, where she earned her law degree at Loyola Law School; her career continued in Houston, until Memphis Mayor Willie Herenton hired her to head diversity in contracting for the city; and

WHEREAS, her extensive career also includes service as the contract compliance officer for the City of Memphis and legal advisor for the Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission and the Memphis and Shelby County Film & Television Commission; she is a

former certified public accountant and writes a weekly column, "On Our Way To Wealthy," for the *Tri-State Defender*, and

WHEREAS, an attorney of the highest ability and caliber, she specializes in personal injury; business consulting, formation, and contracting; entertainment, including music, film, and television; nonprofits; family law, including divorce and child and/or spousal support; diversity in contracting; and bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Carlee McCullough be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Carlee McCullough on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.